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Sir

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A stranger and unknown to you, it is with feelings of great delicacy I address you on a subject in which I am so deeply interested — but it is one of the happy priveledges of our Country that every one has access to its representatives with an opportunity of being heard —

As the Congresional representative of this District — then, with the consent and approbation of my Father, I ask permission to apply through you for an appointment for my Brother Samuel Douglas to a Cadetship in the Milatary School at West Point

But perhaps you may feel disposed to ask — your Father, why is not the proposal made entirely by him — age Sir and the debilitating effects of an illness, from which he has but recently recovered, has unnerved the strength of that hand which Volenteered its services, and firmly grasped the Sword in defence of his Country's Liberties, and now creates in him an unwillingness to trouble with this small matter, that mind, every energy of which was devoted and employed, as far as lay in its power, in its Country's cause during the troubled scenes of 76

I would ask your interest so far as you may deem it consistent in behalf of my Brother, knowing that without it any application would be unavailing, he has arrived at the age specified by Government and possesses talents by no means contemptable but will not listen to any other proposal so readily as that of Milatary life — indeed there are peculiarities in his ~~in his~~ disposition which I think better adapted to that than any other profession

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